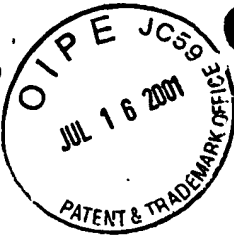


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Dear Mr. Bradley:

On June 23, 1998, Mr. Ravi Ganesan sent you patent documents that needed your signature. Our Patent Attorney has informed us he has not received your signed, notarized papers as yet. I have enclosed another Declaration and Power of Attorney and (2) Assignment documents for your signature. Please make sure they are notarized where necessary and return them to the following address by September 8, 1998:

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DECLARATION OF SHEILA FOXX UNDER 37 CFR 47(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

I, Sheila Foxx, hereby state that:

1. I serve as the docketing supervisor for the firm of Lalos and Keegan. (hereinafter the "FIRM").

2. According to the FIRM's standard procedures, all correspondence received by the FIRM, including that addressed to Mr. Stadnicki, is delivered to the receptionist and promptly forwarded to me for docketing.

3. As of this date, no Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by either Mr. Bradley or Mr. Bringardner in connection with the above referenced application has been received by the FIRM

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with the above referenced application has been received by the FIRM either directly, indirectly through Mr. Stadnicki's prior firm (Jenkins & Gilchrist), or otherwise.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Sheila Foxx

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 47(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Petition is filed concurrently with a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application which issued on June 5, 1998. The undersigned hereby Petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 47(a) to accept, and proceed with the examination of, the above referenced Application notwithstanding the unavailability or refusal of certain of the joint inventors to execute the Application. In support of the Petition, it is respectfully

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1. The above referenced utility application was filed under 37 CFR 1.53 on March 3, 1998 as acknowledged in the Filing Receipt and Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated June 5, 1998.

2. As set forth in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed herewith, the inventors on the above referenced application are William Kitchen, Ginger Moses, Ralph Au, Clarence Bringardner and Kenneth Bradley.

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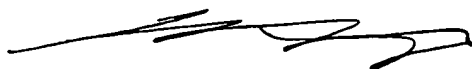
In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the mandates of 37 CFR 47 (a) have been fulfilled and the above-referenced application is acceptable notwithstanding non-execution by two of the five joint inventors. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted and prosecution of the application be allowed to proceed.

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues, or if any comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection herewith.

Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper to deposit account number 12-0429, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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